

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING
EDUCATION**

MINUTES OF MEETING

11 April 2005

Open Session

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:05 am on the above date in Room 401, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ronita Appiah, RN

Kathleen Breguet, RN, MSN

Deborah G. Brown, RN, MSN

Susan Day, RN, MS

William Dodd, CRNA

Theresa Jeremiah, RN

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Cristiana Rosa, PCNS

Sharon Smith, RN, MSN, Vice President

Mary Dowd Struck, RN, MS, CNM

Eve Sweeney, RN, MSN, CS, President

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Samuel Havens

Donna Policastro, RNP

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jean Marie Rocha, MPH, RN Director, Nurse Registration & Nursing Education

Elizabeth James, RN

Charles Alexandre, MS, RN, Chief of Health Professional Regulations

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Marcia Bliss

Alice Brady

Sandra Delack

Pam McCue

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms. Sweeney called the meeting to order at 8:10 am. A quorum was established.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF March 14, 2005

On motion of Ms. Struck, seconded by Mr. Dodd, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes noting Ms. Smith's absenteeism.

VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION OF March 14, 2005 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms. Breguet, seconded by Ms. Struck, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session of March 14, 2005 and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

· Ms Sweeney notes the article from JAMA on "Risk Factors for Relapse in Health Care Professionals With substance Use Disorders" is disseminated to the committee members for review.

DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION REPORT

· Ms. Rocha reviews information from the mid year NCSBN meeting. The 2004 state boards of nursing profile were made available for review and discussion.

BUSINESS

· Review and discussion of the S-0803, glucagon school health legislation. The BON voted unanimously, with one abstention not to approve the S-0803 bill. The BON strongly advocates that diabetic assessment, the precursor to given glucagon injection is a nursing function and should not be delegated to non-nursing personnel.

- Review and discussion of CEU 's. The BON determines continuing education courses must be accredited and or accepted by the ANCC or other recognized professional nursing organizations.
- Helen Drew provides updates on nursing related legislation pending.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Dodd, seconded by Ms. Struck, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 10:10 am.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms. Sweeney called the Open Session back to Order at 12:40 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements made.

PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board unanimously voted the following actions in Executive Session at today's meeting:

Diane Twohig, LPN Reprimand

Linda Peczynski, RN Suspension

Sally Mello, LPN Suspension

Rolf K. Reininger, RN Suspension

Kevin Gwozdz, RN Probation

Julie DeAngelis, RN NUC

Kelly Denomme, RN NUC with LOC

Christine Kirk, RN Release from Probation

Aiesha Boisvert, LPN Release from Probation

Jennifer Berard, RN NUC with LOC

**VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO
SECTIONS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL
LAWS**

**On motion of Ms. Appiah, seconded by Ms. Brown, it was
unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the
Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for
licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.**

ADJOURNMENT

**On motion of Ms. Breguet, seconded by Ms. Smith, it was
unanimously voted to adjourn at 12:35 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Day, RN, MS Secretary